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trunks by allowing the first surface 26 to readily wrap around, and conform to the shape and size of the different trunks. If required during operation, planer surface 26 of resilient web 24 may also adopted a curvature.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. A pad coupled to a tree shaking apparatus having a mounting member, between the apparatus and the trunk of a tree to be shaken, said pad comprising:

a pair of opposing end sections, each defining a bore extending longitudinally therethrough, and adapted to receive the mounting member coupled to the tree shaker, and

a resilient polymeric web extending between and coupled to said end sections, said web defining a first surface for engaging said tree trunk.

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7. A pad coupled to a tree shaking apparatus having a mounting member, between the apparatus and the trunk of a tree to be shaken, said pad comprising:

a pair of opposing end sections, each defining a bore extending longitudinally therethrough, and adapted to receive the mounting member coupled to the tree shaker;

a resilient polymeric web extending between and coupled to said end sections, said web defining a first surface for engaging said tree trunk; and wherein

said pad defines a pair of apertures approximately parallel to said bores and extending at least part way through said pad, each of said apertures being positioned adjacent to one of said bores.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the above-referenced application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on Kilby, U.S. Patent 3,667,797; claims 1-2, 5 and 7 based on Kilby in view of SU1329-666; and claims 2 and 3 based on Kilby in view of Favor, U.S. Patent 3,771,301. Receipt of the Notice of